

Ignota Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Registration Number: 1165304

Company Registration Number: 09832028

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Reference and administrative information

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees	G Bennett (Chairman) H Blain B Youard
Company registered number	09832028
Charity registration number	1165304
Registered office	10 Queen Street Place London United Kingdom EC4R 1BE
Independent examiner	Buzzacott LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of Ignota Foundation ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

G Bennett
H Blain
B Youard

Small companies exemption

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 19 October 2015. It is registered as a charity and the registered charity number is 1165304.

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. All trustees are members of the charity and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Organisational structure and decision making

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the charity shall always have at least 3 trustees, trustees are appointed or reappointed by ordinary resolution. Any decisions of the trustees are made either by majority or unanimous vote at trustees' meetings.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of education for the public benefit, in particular but not without limitation, by the provision of financial resources towards payment of university fees for children and young people who have insufficient means.

In order to further these objectives the charity may:

- provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other help;
- borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds;
- set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
- raise funds by way of subscription, donation, or otherwise;
- undertake and execute charitable trusts;
- pay out of the funds of the charity the costs of forming and registering the charity;
- establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any other organisations and subscribe, lend, or guarantee money or property for charitable purposes

Trustees' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Public benefit

In setting the charitable objective and planning future activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- 90% of Ignota's funds raised through donations and direct sponsorship from the founders has gone towards student scholarships with just 10% applied towards administrative and legal fees.
- Since 2014, Ignota has funded scholarships for 18 students to attend university across England.
- Nearly two-thirds of our scholars are women.
- To date, three graduates have achieved a First-Class degree with Honours.
- Two students graduated this year and we are on target to have another one graduate next year.
- All students are achieving high grades and are on target to complete.
- Our goal for the next decade is to send an additional 50 students to university, and we presently have full funding to ensure that 15 of these scholarships are guaranteed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

A summary of the period's results can be found on page 6 of this report and accounts. The net outgoing resources for the period was £16,185 (2022: £39,746). At year-end unrestricted funds stood at £281,261 (2022: £177,446).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves, at a level that is sufficient to cover management and administration and support costs and allows the charity to be managed efficiently. The charity is operated as a grant giving charity, and the trustees' policy is to seek to distribute the income arising in each financial year. The trustees also have power to utilise capital insofar as they shall think fit. The remaining surplus is used in pursuance of the educational objectives of the charity.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 31 December 2023 was £281,261 (2022: £177,446). The current level of reserves is considered by the trustees to be sufficient to cover the future objectives of the charity.

Trustees' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ignota Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


[Guy Bennett \(Sep 23, 2024 16:05 GMT+1\)](#)

Mr G Bennett
Chairman

Date: 23/09/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ignota Foundation

For the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)."

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Simon Wax, ACA

for and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP

Chartered Accountants

130 Wood Street

London

EC2V 6DL

Date: 25 September 2024

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
Income from:				
Donations	4	120,000	120,000	-
Total income		120,000	120,000	-
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	16,185	16,185	39,746
Total expenditure		16,185	16,185	39,746
Net (expenditure)/income		103,815	103,815	(39,746)
Net movement in funds for the year		103,815	103,815	(39,746)
Total funds brought forward		177,446	177,446	217,192
Total funds carried forward		281,261	281,261	177,446

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above financial period.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of financial position

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	10	298,511		197,556	
		<u>298,511</u>		<u>197,556</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(17,250)</u>		<u>(20,110)</u>	
Net current assets			281,261		177,446
Total net assets			<u>281,261</u>		<u>177,446</u>
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		281,261		177,446
Total Funds			<u>281,261</u>		<u>177,446</u>

The trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS102.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Guy Bennett
Guy Bennett (Sep 23, 2024 16:05 GMT+1)

Mr G Bennett
Chairman

Date: 23/09/2024

The notes on page 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. Its registered office and principal place of business is 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE. The company registration number is 09832028 and the charity number is 1165304.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP FRS102), 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' ('FRS102') Section 1A, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

2.2 Fund Accounting

The general fund is an unrestricted fund which is available for the charity at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2.3 Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2.5 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

2.7 Liabilities and provision

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

2.8 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charity for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was 3 (2022: 3).

4. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Donations received	-	-
Gift aid received	120,000	-
	120,000	-

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

5. Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants (note 6)	-	27,750
Support costs (note 7)	11,745	7,916
Governance costs (note 8)	4,440	4,080
	<u>16,185</u>	<u>39,746</u>

6. Grants

The charity makes grants to individuals in accordance with its grant making policy set out in the trustees' report.

The grants payable during the year were for the following purposes:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		£		£
University tuition fees paid	-	-	2	27,750
	-	-	2	27,750

7. Support costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	5,880	4,260
Professional fees	4,572	2,680
Other support costs	1,293	976
	<u>11,745</u>	<u>7,916</u>

8. Governance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination fees	4,440	4,080
	<u>4,440</u>	<u>4,080</u>

9. Trustees' remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services as a trustee during the period ended 31 December 2023 (2022: £nil).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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10. Analysis of cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	298,511	197,556
Total cash at bank and in hand	298,511	197,556

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	11,820	10,860
Trade creditors	5,430	-
Other creditors	-	9,250
	17,250	20,110

All creditors related to unrestricted funds.

12. Contingent liability

During the year, the charity agreed to pay tuition fees for 1 student in future estimated to be £9,250 (2022: £9,250). This is dependent on the students making satisfactory progress on their respective course. Should this condition not be met, the fees will not be payable by the charity.

13. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	177,446	120,000	(16,185)	281,261